General Administration) for various irregularities in award of contracts, misuse of power, splitting of works, etc.

Vacant posts in Railways

1106. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number rof posts lying vacant as on the 31st March, 1987 in different zonal Railways; and

(b) the steps taken to fill up those vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Exemption of Tripura from hike in air fare by Indian Airlines/Vayudoot

1107. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government propose to exempt air passengers to and from Tripura from the present hike in air fare by Indian Airlines/ Vayudoot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): In so far as Indian Airlines is concerned, the fares in North-Eastern Region are already lower by about 17.5 per cent than the all India fares. No change is proposed in this concession.

In the case of Vayudoot in will not be possible to exempt the State of Tripura from fare hike if and when Vayudoot hikes the fares.

Assam-Agartala Highway No. 44

1108. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of Assam-Agartala Highway No. 44 is very bad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the condition of the highway immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. Assam-Agartala Highway N.H. No. 44 is in a traffic worthy condition.

(b) and (c) Development works on N.H. 44 are being stepped up. Till the year 1985-86 works were planned and executed to the extent of Rs. 4.00-5.00 crores annually. A sum of Rs. 5.77 crores had been allotted in the year 1986-87. During the year 1987-88, Rs. 10.79 crores are proposed to be spent.

Expansion of Vayudoot services in Andhra Pradesh

1109. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to expand the operations of Vayudoot in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details with regard to the funds earmarked for expansion of Vayudoot and the new routes proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Working Women's Hostel in Andhra Pradesh

1110. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels for working women under various centrally sponsored schemes along with their locations are functioning in different parts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct more such working women's hostels in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) 13 Working Women's Hostels have been sanctioned at the following places in Andhra Pradesh under the Central Scheme of assistance for construction/expansion of hostel buildings for working women with Day-care Centres:

S. No.	Location of Hostels	No. of Hostels
1	Gantur	2
2	Hyderabad	5
3	Kakinada	1
4	Krishna	1
5	Vijayawada	2
6	Vishakhapatnam	1
7	Warrangal	1

(b) and (c) State/Union Territory-wise allocation of projects and funds is not made under this Scheme. The Government of India will consider proposals for assistance for construction of working women's hostels in Andhra Pardesh on receipt of applications from voluntary organisations through the State Government.

Participation of Indian Marathoners in Seoul

1111. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Four Indian Marathoners took part in Seoul on the 11th and 12th April, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether their names were approved by his Ministry and if so, when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Four Indian Marathoners took part in the World Cup Marathon held at Seoul on the dates mentioned.

(b) Out of four Marathoners who participated, one completed the race securing 114th position. The other three could not finish the race.

(c) The participation of the Marathoners was not cleared by the Government keeping in view the performance levels of Indian sports persons in Marathon race as compared to the very high standards of performance prevailing in World Cup Marathon races.

Reservation in Management course in Delhi University

1112. SHRI T. K. C. VADUTHALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Management course in the Delhi University:

(b) whether any minimum marks for the admission to the entrance examination has been prescribed for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates and if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether all the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students are filled up and if not, how many such seats were de-reserved during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government propose to admit such candidates who satisfy